ORTHOGONALITY

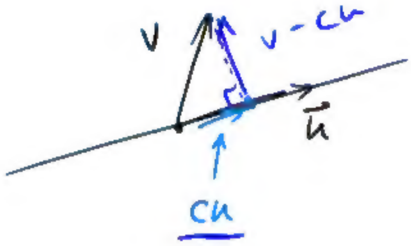
Recall: Vectors u, v in $\mathbb{R}^n$ are <u>orthogonal</u> (or <u>perpendicular</u>) when $u \cdot v = 0$.

$\left(\underline{\text{idea}}: \ u \cdot v = 0 \ \Rightarrow \ 0 = u \cdot v = \|u\|\|v\|\cos(\theta) \right.$

$\left. \text{so provided } u \neq \vec{0} \neq v, \text{ we see } \cos(\theta) = 0 \ \Rightarrow \ \theta = \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$

<u>Q</u>: Can we project vectors orthogonally?
i.e. Can we measure "how far v tends in direction of u"?

<u>A</u>: Yes!



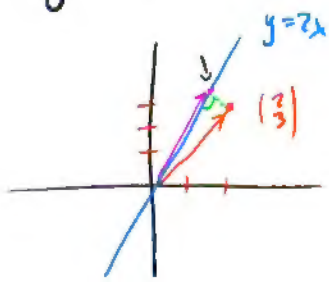
<u>Derivation</u>: Given two vectors $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ w/ $\boxed{u \neq \vec{0}}$. We seek a vector cu w/ $v - cu$ is orthogonal to u.

i.e. $u \cdot (v - cu) = 0$ so $u \cdot v - c(u \cdot u) = 0$, which yields $c(u \cdot u) = u \cdot v$, so $c = \dfrac{u \cdot v}{u \cdot u}$ noting $u \cdot u \neq 0$. :)

Hence $\boxed{\operatorname{proj}_{\operatorname{span}(u)}(v) = cu = \left(\dfrac{u \cdot v}{u \cdot u}\right)u}$

↑ projection of v onto the span of u.

<u>Ex</u>: Compute the projection of $\binom{2}{3}$ onto the line $y = 2x$ in $\mathbb{R}^2$



<u>Sol</u>: We choose a vector in the direction of the line $y = 2x$:

$$\ell = \left\{ \binom{x}{y} : y = 2x \right\} = \left\{ \binom{x}{2x} : x \in \mathbb{R} \right\} = \operatorname{span}\left\{ \binom{1}{2} \right\}.$$

$$\therefore \operatorname{proj}_\ell \binom{2}{3} = \frac{\binom{2}{3} \cdot \binom{1}{2}}{\binom{1}{2} \cdot \binom{1}{2}} \binom{1}{2} = \frac{2 + 6}{1 + 2^2} \binom{1}{2} = \frac{8}{5} \binom{1}{2}. \quad \boxed{/\!/}$$

<u>Ex</u>: Compute the orthogonal projection of $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ onto $\operatorname{span}\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$.

<u>Sol</u>: $v = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$, $u = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ so $\operatorname{proj}_{\operatorname{span}(u)}(v) = \dfrac{u \cdot v}{u \cdot u} u$

$u \cdot v = -1 - 2 - 1 + 3 = 3$
$u \cdot u = (-1)^2 + 1^2 + (-1)^2 + 1^2 = 4$ and thus $\text{proj}_{\text{span}(u)}(v) = \frac{3}{4} u = \frac{3}{4}\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$. $\boxed{//}$

Def^n: A collection $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ is pairwise orthogonal (aka mutually orthogonal) when every pair of distinct vectors v_i, v_j is an orthogonal pair. I.e. for all $1 \le i < j \le n$ we have $v_i \cdot v_j = 0$.

Ex: $\mathcal{E}_n \leftarrow$ the standard basis on $\mathbb{R}^n$ is a pairwise orthogonal collection.

$$e_i \cdot e_j = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = j \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$$

Ex: $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ are not mutually orthogonal.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = 4 + 6 = 10 \neq 0 \dots$$

Q: Can we modify the collection to build a mutually orthogonal one?

Prop: If $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ is a collection of pairwise orthogonal nonzero vectors, then S is lin. indep.

pf: Assume S is a collection of pairwise orthogonal nonzero vectors, and suppose $c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_n v_n = \vec{0}$. Now $v_i \cdot v_j = 0$ when $i \neq j$, and nonzero when $i = j$. Hence:

$$v_i \cdot (c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_n v_n) = v_i \cdot \vec{0} = 0$$

OTOH: $v_i \cdot (c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_n v_n) = c_1 (v_i \cdot v_1) + c_2 (v_i \cdot v_2) + \dots + c_n (v_i \cdot v_n)$

$$= c_1 0 + c_2 0 + \dots + c_i (v_i \cdot v_i) + \dots + c_j 0$$

$$= 0 + 0 + \dots + c_i (v_i \cdot v_i) + \dots + 0$$

$$= c_i (v_i \cdot v_i).$$

So $0 = c_i (v_i \cdot v_i)$, and $v_i \cdot v_i \neq 0$ because $v_i \neq \vec{0}$; thus $c_i = 0$.

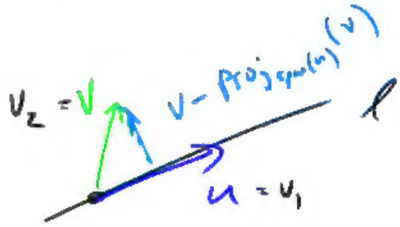
Hence $c_i = 0$ for all $1 \le i \le n$, and we see S is lin. ind. $\boxed{//}$

Point: Mutually orthogonal nonzero vectors are linearly independent :)

Cor: If S is a collection of n mutually orthogonal vectors in $\mathbb{R}^n$, then S is a basis for $\mathbb{R}^n$.

Returning to the example from before: $S = \left\{ v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix},\ v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$.

Goal: Build a collection $\hat{S}$ of vectors based on S which is a mutually orthogonal collection...



Start Building $\hat{S}$: $\hat{S}_1 = \{ u_1 = v_1 \}$

Let $u_2 = v_2 - proj_{span(u_1)}(v_2)$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$proj_{span(u_1)} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{u_1 \cdot v_2}{u_1 \cdot u_1} u_1 = \frac{10}{4^2+2^2} \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{10}{20} \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Let $\hat{S}_2 = \{ u_1, u_2 \}$. Claim: $\hat{S}$ is mutually orth. coll.

Check: $u_1 \cdot u_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = 4 \cdot (-1) + 2 \cdot 2 = 0$

Point: Projections allow us to build mutually orthogonal collections of vectors from arbitrary lin. indep collections in $\mathbb{R}^n$.

Q: How important was the fact we had only two vectors?

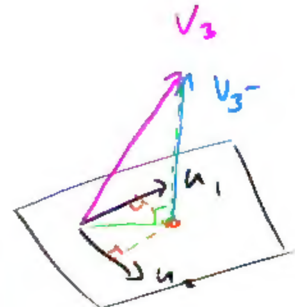
Ex: Consider the basis $S = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ for $\mathbb{R}^3$, with $v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $v_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$.

* $u_1 = v_1$

* $u_2 = v_2 - proj_{span(u_1)}(v_2) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \dfrac{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}}{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \dfrac{2}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{4}{3} \\ -\frac{2}{3} \end{pmatrix}$

$$= \frac{2}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

NB: For a basis of orthogonal vectors, the representation of every $w \in \mathbb{R}^n$ w.r.t. the orthogonal basis is determined by the dot product w/ each vector of the basis...



$P = span(u_1, u_2)$

$$u_3 = v_3 - \mathrm{proj}_{\mathrm{span}(u_2)}(v_3) - \mathrm{proj}_{\mathrm{span}(u_1)}(v_3)$$

$v_3 = \begin{pmatrix}1\\0\\3\end{pmatrix}$

$u_1 = \begin{pmatrix}1\\1\\1\end{pmatrix}, \quad u_2 = \frac{2}{3}\begin{pmatrix}-1\\2\\-1\end{pmatrix}$

$$= v_3 - \frac{u_2 \cdot v_3}{u_2 \cdot u_2} u_2 - \frac{u_1 \cdot v_3}{u_1 \cdot u_1} u_1$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix}1\\0\\3\end{pmatrix} - \frac{\frac{2}{3}\begin{pmatrix}-1\\2\\-1\end{pmatrix}\cdot\begin{pmatrix}1\\0\\3\end{pmatrix}}{\frac{2}{3}\begin{pmatrix}-1\\2\\-1\end{pmatrix}\cdot\frac{2}{3}\begin{pmatrix}-1\\2\\-1\end{pmatrix}} \frac{2}{3}\begin{pmatrix}-1\\2\\-1\end{pmatrix} - \frac{\begin{pmatrix}1\\1\\1\end{pmatrix}\cdot\begin{pmatrix}1\\0\\3\end{pmatrix}}{\begin{pmatrix}1\\1\\1\end{pmatrix}\cdot\begin{pmatrix}1\\1\\1\end{pmatrix}}\begin{pmatrix}1\\1\\1\end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix}1\\0\\3\end{pmatrix} - \left(\frac{-1-3}{1+4+1}\right)\begin{pmatrix}-1\\2\\-1\end{pmatrix} - \frac{4}{3}\begin{pmatrix}1\\1\\1\end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix}1\\0\\3\end{pmatrix} + \frac{2}{3}\begin{pmatrix}-1\\2\\-1\end{pmatrix} - \frac{4}{3}\begin{pmatrix}1\\1\\1\end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{3}\begin{pmatrix}3-2-4\\0+4-4\\9-2-4\end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{3}\begin{pmatrix}-3\\0\\3\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}-1\\0\\1\end{pmatrix}.$$

<u>Check</u>: $\hat{S} = \{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$ is a collection of mutually orthogonal vectors.

$$u_1 \cdot u_2 = \begin{pmatrix}1\\1\\1\end{pmatrix}\cdot\frac{2}{3}\begin{pmatrix}-1\\2\\-1\end{pmatrix} = \frac{2}{3}(-1+2-1) = 0$$

$$u_1 \cdot u_3 = \begin{pmatrix}1\\1\\1\end{pmatrix}\cdot\begin{pmatrix}-1\\0\\1\end{pmatrix} = -1+0+1 = 0$$

$$u_2 \cdot u_3 = \frac{2}{3}\begin{pmatrix}-1\\2\\-1\end{pmatrix}\cdot\begin{pmatrix}-1\\0\\1\end{pmatrix} = \frac{2}{3}(1+0-1) = 0$$

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<u>Prop (Gram-Schmidt Process)</u>: Let $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k$ be a sequence of linearly independent vectors in $\mathbb{R}^n$. The sequence

$$u_1 = v_1$$

$$u_2 = v_2 - \frac{u_1 \cdot v_2}{u_1 \cdot u_1} u_1$$

$$\vdots$$

$$u_k = v_k - \frac{u_{k-1} \cdot v_k}{u_{k-1} \cdot u_{k-1}} u_{k-1} - \frac{u_{k-2} \cdot v_k}{u_{k-2} \cdot u_{k-2}} u_{k-2} - \cdots - \frac{u_1 \cdot v_k}{u_1 \cdot u_1} u_1$$

is a collection of mutually orthogonal vectors. $\boxtimes$